

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 62

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Tom J. Malone of Jamestown.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Tom J. Malone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malone was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on September 2, 1924, in Oneida, Tom Malone was the sixth of eleven children born to John and Alice Malone; and

WHEREAS, from 1943 until 1945, Mr. Malone honorably served as a member of the United States Air Force in World War II, devoting most of his time as a U.S. Military Guard off the coast of Iceland; and

WHEREAS, after he was discharged from the Air Force, Tom Malone moved to Saint Louis, Missouri, and served with acumen and alacrity as an employee in the parts department of an auto agency, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, eventually returning to his beloved home state and taking up residence in Jamestown, Mr. Malone listened to his entrepreneurial spirit and purchased Jamestown Auto Supply, and he and his beloved wife, Lee, rendered sterling service as the owners and operators until their retirement in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Tom Malone was also a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous organizations, including the Jamestown Volunteer Fire Department and the local draft board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malone gave his heart to the Lord in 1963 at a revival meeting at South Main Street Baptist Church, and, after joining that blessed house of faith, he became a song leader and guitarist for "The Gospel Melodiaries"; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Tom Malone became a charter member of Faith Baptist Tabernacle in Jamestown, where he served faithfully for many years as trustee and was a devout member for the rest of his days; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jasper Malone, and five of his sisters: Ruth McCulley, Ruby Smith, Claudelle Hixson, Lois Blair, and Rebah Crabtree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malone enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Lee, to whom he was married for fifty-two years; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud father and father-in-law of Ronald K. and Tillie Malone, Ted A. and Jamie Malone, and Tommie and Kendall Huddleston; the devoted grandfather of Michelle, Lisa, Cindy, Matthew, T.J. and Kelsey; as well as a doting great-grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Malone will also be sorely missed by his siblings, Ralph Malone, Ray Malone, Charles Malone, and Ellaree Bates, and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Tom Malone leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Tom J. Malone, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Malone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.